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Hoover Should Be Fired, Ramsey Clark Says

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Former U. S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark called for the firing of FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover before a talk here Friday night.

Clark, speaking at a press conference prior to the annual dinner of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Chapter of Americans for Democratic Action, said Hoover should be replaced because "there has been too much sameness in the bureau and failure to include men of varied backgrounds.

"It (the FBI) has become set in ideology, and that's not good," he said.

Hoover, he added, has rendered "very effective and very valuable service" but it has been at least a decade since the FBI has been "really effective."

Commenting on FBI surveillance of civilian activity, Clark said such spying is "incompatible with a free society." But he was quick to add that he did not condone the theft of the records from the Media office of the FBI.

"But if that's the only way we can find out what they're doing," he said, "it's too late already."

Clark said it was Congress' responsibility to halt such surveillance.

"The representatives of the people have a responsibility to investigate and set guidelines" for the FBI, he explained.

More than 500 persons attended the dinner at the Bellevue-Stratford. Included in the group were three Democratic mayoral candidates, Rep. William Green, State Rep. Hardy Williams and former City Councilman David Cohen. Former Police Commissioner Frank L. Rizzo was not present.

Gov. Milton J. Shapp told the crowd he has written to the state's Congressional delegation asking them to support various legislation that would reroute funds planned for the defeated supersonic transport project into mass transit systems.

The governor also promised to make good on his campaign pledges and "to turn Pennsylvania government into a responsible and impassionate instrument of human progress."

Secret GI Raid In Laos Related

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A former sergeant of Special Forces said Friday that he was among a unit that had been sent into Laos on a harassment mission long before the invasion of that tiny Asian nation recently by the South Vietnamese army.

Ronald Pulaski, 21, told the first of a two-day war inquiry — sponsored by Vietnam Veterans Against the War Inc., — that his unit was equipped with unmarked uniforms and either Communist weapons or weapons untraceable to the United States.

Pulaski, was in Vietnam in 1968 and '69. He said the unit's mission was to kill Laotians and North Vietnamese units guarding the Ho Chi Minh trail supply line.

Pulaski also said most U. S. military personnel in Vietnam hate the natives.